

### REMARKS

Responsive to the comments made accompanying the Notice of Allowance of May 17, 2000, the aforementioned amendments to the Specification are presented. These amendments are necessary to comply with the Examiner's request that the substance of the Appendices be incorporated into the text of the Specification. Further corrections are presented to reconcile discrepancies between the final formal drawings and the text of the Specification. Finally, minor corrections in spelling, syntax, grammar and the like are also carried out by way of the aforementioned amendments to the Specification.

It is urged that none of the aforementioned amendments raises any issue requiring additional consideration by the Examiner since all of the aforementioned amendments are presented to comply with the Examiners suggestions and to correct discrepancies and other informalities.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions or suggestions, or should issues remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned for prompt resolution.

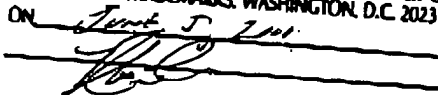
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ON June 5, 2001



Date : June 5, 2000